



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

National Solid Waste Tribal Coordinator Meeting March 7, 8, and 9, 2006

EPA Region 8 Conference Center
2nd Floor
999 18th Street
Denver, Colorado

AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Federal Agencies Working Together

Outcome: A written agreement for cooperation among the attending federal agencies on tribal solid waste management with concrete and specific long and short-term goals and activities. Measurements and periodic check-in are included in order to assess our progress in cooperation.

- 7:30 Check-in/coffee and sweets **NOTE:** please try to get to the conference center early enough to register so we can start promptly at 8 am; please wear your government id or bring a picture id
- 8:00 Welcome - *Steve Burkett*, Director, EPA R8 Solid and Hazardous Waste Program
Introductions and Overview of the Day – *Elaine Granata*, Meeting Facilitator
“What we know about working together” – *Steve Burkett*
- 8:30 “Overall View on How I See My Agency's Role in Tribal Integrated Waste Management”

Objectives:

- Learn what each federal agency is doing that touches tribal waste issues (mission, measures, strategies, resources)
- Identify the “common ground” or areas of overlap among the various agencies in their tribal waste activities
- Identify opportunities to expand existing common ground and connections in tribal waste activities
- Agree upon joint or common actions that all agencies can use in dealing with tribal waste on selected issues or topics
- How can we accomplish our own agency’s measures without diverting or increasing resources
- Explore how to document measurement and follow up on agreement

Speakers:

- *Kerry Clough*, Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 8
- *Lillian Bagus*, Director, Municipal Industrial Solid Waste Division, EPA HQ
- *Debbie McBride*, Division Chief, Environment and Cultural Resource Management, BIA HQ
- *Ron Ferguson*, Director, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, IHS HQ
- *Jim Maras*, Director, Water Programs Division, Rural Development Utilities Program, USDA HQ
- *Mike Boyd*, Grants Management Director, Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs, Denver HUD office
- *Lizana Pierce*, Project Manager, Tribal Energy Program, DOE Golden field office

10:30 Break

10:45 Examples of current successful inter-agency cooperation

- EPA R5: *Dolly Tong and Margaret Guerriero*
“Working with HUD & the Forest Service on Waste Management” & “The Federal Agency Coordination for Tribes (FACT) Initiative”
- EPA R8: *Susanna Trujillo, Brent Rohlf (IHS) and Tim Potts (USDA RD)*
“The Interagency Agreement with IHS and How It Has Furthered Cooperation”
- EPA HQ: *Chris Dege*
“1998 MOU The Tribal Solid Waste Interagency Workgroup”

11:30 Lunch on your own

12:30 Identify and rank specific common ground activities for cooperative action – *Elaine Granata*

1:15 Small group work: flesh out common ground activities for cooperative action (Wasatch and Downlink rooms available for additional breakout)

2:30 Break

2:45 Concurrent Sessions:

Session I: IHS Open dump data base; review of session – *Elaine Granata*

Objectives:

- In-depth interactive familiarization of the IHSWSTARS data base
- Assessment of data needed for cleanup of an open dump and suggested modification of the IHS data base
- Assessment of other “desired” data and possibilities for inclusion in the IHIS data base

Session II: Some may wish to continue small group breakouts on common ground activities for cooperative action (Wasatch and downlink rooms available)

2:50 Review of the existing definition of open dump – *Lillian Bagus*

3:00 Presentation of the IHS WSTARS Open Dump Module – *Dana Baer*

- Overview
- Real time application

- 3:45 Overview of the matrix comparing R8, R9, R10, and IHS data elements – *Steve Burkett*
- 4:00 Desirable modification to the IHS data base - All with response by *Ron Ferguson*
- Identification of data that may be useful
 - Identification of data that can be added to the data base
- Potential strategies for achieving an up to date open dump inventory - All
- Updating the IHS open dump inventory
- 5:25 Group dinner ideas

5:30 Adjourn

Day 2: Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Federal Agencies Working Together (Continued)

- 8:30 Recap of previous day/overview of the day - *Elaine Granata*
- 8:45 Small group report out on specific common ground activities for cooperative action

10:15 Break

- 10:30 What are the priority cooperative action items and how do we elevate them for success?
(Group discussion)

12 Noon Lunch on your own

Integrated Solid Waste Management Plans

Outcome: Agreement on the critical elements of a model ISWMP

- 1:00 Overview of integrated solid waste management plan session – *Elaine Granata*
- Objectives:
- Agreed upon definition of the elements of an ISWMP
 - Small group follow up work on steps to complete definition work
- 1:15 Elements Matrix – *Tetra Tech EM Inc.*
- Review of the master matrix based upon the plans submitted by each region
- 1:30 Region 9 data base elements for ISWMP – *Caleb Shaffer*
- 1:45 Identify and rank the common and uncommon elements – *Elaine Granata*
- 2:15 Round I - small group breakouts – work on consensus definition of elements
- 3:30 Break**

3:45 Report out of small groups

4:55 Group dinner ideas

5:00 Adjourn

Day 3: Thursday, March 9, 2006

Integrated Solid Waste Management Plans (Continued)

8:15 Recap of previous day/overview of day - *Elaine Granata*

8:30 Round II small group work continues on key elements

9:30 Round II small group report out and agreement on critical elements

10:30 Break

10:45 Concurrent Workshops in “Open Space”

- Review Open Space workshop process
- Develop workshop topics

11:00 Round I proposed workshops

“Assessment and cleanup of open dumps; some agreed upon measure for when an open dump is determined to be cleaned up” - *Roger Hancock*

“Methodology to develop bids and baseline for GPRA reporting” - *Susanna Trujillo, Fran Stefan, and Lillian Bagus*

“Options for distributing the tribal hazardous waste grant money” - *Tonya Hawkins*

12 Noon Lunch on your own

1:00 Round II proposed workshops

“Internal Measures: Definitions for 06 and recommendations for 07” - *Caleb Shaffer*

“What is OECA’s role in tribal solid waste management?” - *Mary Andrews and Eddie Sierra*

2:00 Workshop report outs

2:45 Closure: Next Regional host and date

3:00 Adjourn